

Church of the Holy Family

PARISH RECTORY

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Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Francis X. McKee

Sunday Visitor

Rev. John P. Collins

Pastoral Service Director and Permanent Deacon

Deacon James Browne

Music Director

Joseph O'Brien

Child Care Ages: Infant (6 wks.)-PreK (4)

Hours: 6:00am-6:00pm (year-round care)

Phone: 610-952-9186

Email: childcare@holyfamilychurch.org

Holy Hour: Second Sunday of each month
after the 11:00am Mass Miraculous Medal

Novena: every Friday after 8:00am Mass

Altar Servers: Bernadette Welsh

Cantors: Joseph O'Brien

Extraordinary Ministers:

Jeanine Censi-Lamont

Lectors: Kathy Duffly

RCIA: Wednesday at 7:00pm

PREP: Sundays from 10:00-11:00am



CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday Evening Mass: 4:00pm

Sunday Mass: 9:00am, 11:00am

Weekday Mass: 8:00am

Holy Day Vigil Mass: 7:00pm

Holy Day Mass: 9:00am

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated every third Sunday after the 11:00am Mass. Please contact the rectory for details about the Pre-Jordan program which is held on the first Sunday of the month at 12:00pm in the rectory.

CONFESSION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45pm or any time upon request.

MARRIAGE

Couples must make arrangements at Holy Family at least 6 months prior to the wedding. Call the rectory at 215-482-0450 for an appointment.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & ELDERLY

Visit those unable to attend Mass due to sickness or age on Thursday each week from 11:00am to 12:30pm

Pre-Cana Team: Program for engaged couples – John and Beth Delaney

Liturgy Committee: Plans religious services – Jim Browne

Parish Pastoral Council: meets first Monday of the month to confer on Pastoral planning

Women's Club: Meets six times/year and sponsors social activities

**Please note:* If you are interested in participating any of these activities, please contact the rectory at 215-482-0450.

Welcome

*We welcome all who join us for worship, and we invite you to become part of our parish family.
You may register as a parishioner in the rectory on any Sunday morning after the Masses or any time online.*



*Happy
Thanksgiving*

*In every thing give thanks:
for this is the will
of God in Christ Jesus
concerning you.*

~ 1 Thessalonians 5:18 ~

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th 2023
 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th – 4:00pm

McNabb and Capella Families, requested by Joe and Mary Alice Missimer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

9:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Jack Szeliga, requested by Barbara Szeliga

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th – 8:00am

Marie LaBrusciano, requested by Al and Rose Augustine

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st – 8:00am

Hervey Dougherty, Sr., requested by his daughters

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22nd – 8:00am

Margaret O’Harra

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd – 9:00am

THANKSGIVING DAY

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24th – 8:00am

Special Intention

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25th – 4:00pm

Eileen Mullen and Dave Thummel, requested by Betty Thummel

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26th

9:00am

Our Parishioners

11:00am

Magdalena and Lou Censi, requested by the Censi Family



Please remember your **CHURCH WEEKLY OFFERING**. You can either mail it in or do it by **Electronic Giving**. Please follow this secure link: www.holyfamilychurch.org/give

Your financial offerings are most appreciated.

Collection 11/12

Sunday (79)	\$ 3,094.00
Second Collection	\$ 250.00
Block Collection (14)	\$ 2,035.00
All Saints (5)	\$ 55.00
All Souls (2)	\$ 35.00

TOTAL **\$ 5,469.00**

The second collection this weekend will be for the Parish.



In your prayers, you are asked to pray for all the sick of the parish and those who care for them especially, Josephine Barry, Ashley Brown, Christopher Browne, Megan Duffy, Daniel Evans, Terry Flanagan, Theodora Garrett, Anna Kenny, Jane Latta, Edward Lawnton, Lisa Long, Maeve Mahon, Erin McFarlane, Jerry McGough, Megan McHugh, Anthony Pelle, Marie Prince, Ronald Rigler, Daniel Seddon, Bill and Theresa Sherwin, Fred Smeltzer, Ava Snick, David Sparacino, Frances Sprenkle, Joseph Synchronick, and Roy (Toysie) Turvey, Jr.



LCPL. Shane Canavan, Sgt. Shane Carlson, Sgt. Tyler Manigly, RTC Dominic Remolde, Captain Zach Schwatka, Col. Scott Shore, and Cpl. Christopher Starrett.



Please pray for the happy repose of all the faithful departed.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th

4:00pm

Grace Welsh

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

9:00am

Joseph Arturo

11:00am

Charlotte Welsh



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th

4:00pm

Kathy Duffy – Sister Mary Joe Larkin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

9:00am

Jamie Torna – Mary Reed

11:00am

Jay Feinschil – Jeanine Censi Lamont



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18th

4:00 pm

Kathy Duffy

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19th

9:00am

Mary Reed

11:00am

Audrey Williams



Thank you to all who drop their receipts. Please remember to drop your Shoprite receipts in the silver in the silver container on your way out or in to mass! For the month of October we received \$45.00.



The Catholic Parishes of Manayunk, East Falls and Andorra will present the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Program for engaged couples on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023** in Father Sullivan Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 819 E. Cathedral Road.

The day begins with registration at 9:00 AM and concludes with attendance at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass. Continental breakfast and lunch are provided. Certificates are distributed after Mass. Cost is \$100.00 per couple. To register, please call Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.



The Church Mass Book for 2024 is now opened. If you would like Masses said for next year contact Holy Family Rectory, 215-482-0450, Monday through Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM.



Don't forget to put your **NOVEMBER 50/50** envelope in the church basket.



Don't forget the New Year's Eve 50/50 drawing! The drawing will take place on Saturday, December 30, 2023. Let's finish out the year strong with the biggest jackpot yet! Tickets are \$10 and will be included in your Christmas mailing.



Thank you to the hard-working teachers, staff and Director of Holy Family Childcare Center for a highly successful Open House.

The hard work of everyone truly shown through. We are accepting applications for new families. Please contact Ariel Presley, Director to schedule a tour, 610-952-9186.



We are in need of Altar Servers. Please see Monsignor Sweeney after mass to discuss if you'd like to become an Altar Server. Your help would be very much appreciated.



Please remember to attend Confession each Saturday from 3:00-3:45. The first Sunday of Advent is December 3rd; it is not too early to prepare.

Dear Parishioners,

As you are aware, your Block Collection Envelopes were delivered to you in the past few weeks. To those who have already donated, thank you. To those who have yet to do so, please remember the fall block collection is one of the biggest fundraisers to help with upcoming winter expenses. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Thanksgiving Prayer

O Gracious God,
we give thanks for
your overflowing
generosity to us.

Thank you for the blessings
of the food we eat and especially
for this feast today.

Thank you for our home,
family and friends, especially
for the presence of those gathered here.

Thank you for our health,
our work and our play.

Please send help to those who are hungry,
alone, sick, and suffering
war and violence.

Open our hearts to your love. We
ask your blessing through Christ
your son. Amen.

- by Mary Cronk Farrell



HAPPY
Thanksgiving!

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

This week's parable has long been called "The Parable of the Talents." Right away we have a language problem because a talent was not a coin, but a weight. Its value depended on the metal involved, be it copper, gold, or silver. Silver being the most common metal at that time. So, the value of a talent of silver was considerable. It was worth about 15 years' wages for a working man. You may remember the wager that the fictional Messala bet against Judah Ben-Hur in the movie of that name was a thousand talents. A veritable fortune.

The useless servant in Christ's story stands for the scribes and Pharisees and their attitude to the law and the truth of God. Their whole attitude was to "build a fence around the law" so that it would remain intact.

Anything new was forbidden, so they "buried their talent," which led to a kind of paralysis of the truth of religion. Hence, their hatred of Jesus for His expansion of the Law of Moses.

Like the man who buried his talent, they wanted to keep things exactly as they had been for years. But Jesus taught that there can be no religion without a touch of freedom and adventure.

The parable stresses that we all have differing talents, in the sense of the word here meaning "gifts." God expects us to use our particular talent or talents, in that spiritual sense, for the glory of God and the good of our neighbor. We are not equal in talent, but we can be equal in our effort. So, each member of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church, has been gifted.

The parable also teaches that those who are punished are the people who will not try. Here we come upon a truth taught so well by Gilbert Keith Chesterton, who wrote that "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried."

Here in the "vestibule" of our National Day of Thanksgiving, we can be grateful for sure of the talent or talents that God has given us, along with the special freedoms we enjoy in America that permit us to share them, along with our time and treasure, so that the poor among us may always have hope in their hearts also.

God love you and Happy Thanksgiving.



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